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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer recieved June 22, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are _____.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>5/10/04</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on June 22, 2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent Serial No. 6,632,042 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 9-14, 16-22, 24, 25, 28-36, 42, 47-51, 57-61, 66-72, 74, 75, 79, 80, 83, 84, 86-88, 91-93, 97-105, 107, 109-115 and 121-185 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4, 9-14, 16-22, 24, 25, 28-30, 36 and 97-105, 107, 109-115 and 175-185

An index divider system and method of organizing tab dividers comprising a set of dividers having staggered tabs and a sheet protector pocket having a front and back sheet. The pocket having an opening to receive a single sheet, wherein the single sheet is considered to be disclosed in combination with the pocket since sheet indicia on the single sheet is generally in alignment with printed indicia on the front sheet of the pocket. The sheet indicia on the single sheet is aligned with a respective one of the tabs when the single sheet is assembled with the set of index dividers in the viewing position.

Claims 31-35

An index divider system comprising a package having a set of dividers having staggered tabs and a sheet protector pocket having a front and back sheet. The pocket having an opening to receive a single sheet, wherein the single sheet is considered to be disclosed in combination with the pocket since sheet indicia on the single sheet is generally in alignment with printed indicia on the front sheet of the pocket. The sheet indicia on the single sheet is aligned with a respective one of the tabs when the single sheet is assembled with the set of index dividers. The indicia is aligned so that a first indicium on the single sheet aligns with the first tab of the first divider and a second indicium on the single sheet aligns with the second tab of the second divider. In a viewing position, the front sheet of the sheet protector pocket allows the sheet indicia on the single sheet to be viewed.

Claims 42, 47-51 and 57-61

An index divider system comprising a set of dividers having staggered tabs, a first sheet having a plurality of first sheet indicia and a second sheet having second sheet indicia. The first and second sheets being adhered to each other to form a sheet assembly with the first sheet indicia being viewable through the second sheet. When the sheet assembly is assembled, first and second sheet indicia are aligned with respective ones of the tabs.

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Claims 66-72, 74 and 75

An index divider system comprising a first sheet having a plurality of first sheet indicia, a second sheet having second sheet indicia and a sheet protector assembly having a top opening. The first and second sheets being received in the compartment such that the second sheet is in front of the first sheet allowing the first sheet indicia to be viewed through the second sheet.

Claims 79, 80, 83, 84, 86-88, 91 and 92

A sheet holding and viewing apparatus comprising a sheet protector pocket having a front and back sheet, an opening and a plurality of binder holes. The front, transparent sheet includes preprinted indicia positioned to define a framing around at least one of the indicia on a sheet which is inserted in the pocket through the opening.

Claims 93 and 121-174

An organizing system and method of organizing the same, comprising a first sheet holding and viewing apparatus including first and second sheet protector pockets having first and second front sheets, first and second back sheets, first and second tabs and first and second openings. The openings receive first and second sheets, wherein the sheets are considered to be disclosed in combination with the pockets since sheet indicia on each sheet is generally horizontally aligned with printed indicia on the front sheets of the pockets. The sheet indicia on each sheet is aligned with a respective one of the first and second tabs at first and second vertical positions. In a viewing position,

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the front sheets of the sheet protector pockets allow the sheet indicia on each sheet to be viewed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

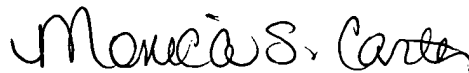
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica S. Carter whose telephone number is (703) 305-0305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea L. Wellington can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica S. Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monica" being the most prominent part.

MONICA S. CARTER
PRIMARY EXAMINER